

TO: All Employees

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SUBJECT: Postdoc Research Day – Call for Posters

The Science Division and University Research Affairs Office are hosting a Postdoc Research Day (Poster Session) on September 1, 2009 in von Karman Auditorium. The poster session will be open to everyone on-Lab.

Posters are sought from all postdocs working at JPL who have completed enough research to present. Postdocs from all programs (JPL, Caltech, NPP, and Spitzer), all fields of science and technology, and all JPL home organizations may participate. Only research conducted during the presenter's tenure at JPL is eligible, and the presenter must be both the one who had primary responsibility for the work and the first author of the poster. Senior researchers visiting JPL under the auspices of a postdoc program may present posters, but are not eligible to compete for awards.

A postdoc may submit at most one poster, to one of four categories:

1. Astrophysics and Space Science
2. Earth Science
3. Planetary Science and Life Detection
4. Technology, Instrumentation, Engineering and other

A panel of judges will select the best poster in each category. At a later award ceremony, the authors of these posters will each be presented an engraved commemorative plaque and give a 12-minute presentation describing their research.

Posters will be judged on:

- Delivery / Layout / Visuals
- The clarity of their statements on
- Introduction / Problem
- Methodology
- Results
- Interpretations / Conclusions / Impact

Postdocs will hang their posters from 8:00 till 9:00 am, at which time they will leave the auditorium so judging can begin. The Poster Session will open at 11:30 am and remain open till 3 pm. Presenters should plan on being in attendance at their posters during that period. Awards will be announced at 2:45 pm.

Poster titles, proposed poster category, and abstracts of 250 words or less are due July 16th, 2009 to Alma Cardenas at: Alma.A.Cardenas@jpl.nasa.gov

On July 23d, via email, postdocs will receive notification of their acceptance into the poster session along with further instructions (poster number, poster specifications, etc.).

We look forward to sharing the results of your exciting work on September 1!